IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

INQUIRY CONCERNING A JUDGE No. 04-239

CASE NO. SC05-851

JUDGE RICHARD H. ALBRITTON, JR.

FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Investigative Panel of the Florida Judicial Qualifications Commission (hereinafter the "JQC") respectfully submits its findings, conclusions and recommendations in this case.

- 1. In view of the Stipulation filed herewith, Respondent is guilty of Charges 4, 5, 9, 11, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31, 33 and 36 set forth in the Amended Notice of Formal Charges.
- 2. The Investigative Panel accordingly concludes that Respondent has thereby violated Canons 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the Code of Judicial Conduct.
- 3. In recommending the appropriate discipline, the Investigative Panel has considered the nature of the charges, including mitigating evidence offered by Judge Albritton, in conjunction with Judge Albritton's cooperation with the Panel and his remorse.
- 4. After extensive review of the documentary evidence, the Investigative Panel recommends the following sanction:

a.	. a j	public reprimand;			
b	. a (a one-month unpaid suspension from office;			
c.	. a 1	a five-thousand dollar (\$5,000.00) fine; and			
d	. pa	ayment of the costs of the JQC, in the ar	mount of \$1,203.70.		
Respectfully s	ubmitte	ed on this day of	, 2006.		
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	Ву	Honorable Morris Silberman Vice Chairman 1700 North Tampa Street Suite 300 Tampa, Florida 33602 Florida Judicial Qualifications Con	nmission		
		CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE			
I	HEREI	BY CERTIFY that on this day of	f, 2006, the		
original of the	foregoi	ing has been filed with the:			
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